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1. REPRESENTATIVES OF KYODO OIL AND MARUZEN OIL COMPANIES CONTACTED BY EMBOFF CONCERNING REPORTED 240,000 TON LPG DEAL WITH KUWAIT (REF A). STATED CONTRACT STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION IN KUWAIT, BUT CONFIRMED PARTIES HAD AGREED TO \$125 PER TON BASIC PRICE. 60 DAYS USANCE ALSO AGREED TO, HOWEVER, SO EFFECTIVE PRICE IS \$123.70 PER TON. KYODO ACKNOWLEDGED HIGHEST PRICE THAT COMPANY HAD PREVIOUSLY PAID WAS \$120 PER TON, BUT MARUZEN ASSERTED HIGHER PRICES HAD BEEN PAID DURING LAST QUARTER OF 1974.

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2. AUTHORITATIVE PETROLUUM INDUSTRY NEWSPAPER "JAPAN PETROLEUM NEWS" POINTED OUT IN ARTICLE JANUARY 14 THAT ATTEMPTS BY JAPANESE OIL COMPANIES TO SECURE DD LPG FROM KUWAIT (ORIGINALLY INCLUDING IDEMITSU AND BRIDGESTONE WHO DROPPED OUT OF NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE PRICE WAS TOO HIGH) RESULTED FROM ANTICIPATED DROP TO 560,000 TONS PER YEAR IN LPG SUPPLIED BY GULF OIL, IN CONTRAST WITH 1.4 MILLION TONS PER YEAR SUPPLIED PRIOR TO KUWAITI TAKEOVER OF KUWAIT OIL COMPANY.
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